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TO BARE HISTORY OF ROAD

Counsel For New Haven Lose in Hotly Contested Dispute As to How Far Back Counsel May Go To Prove Present Indictments.

Early Mergers of Road Must Be Investigated, Court Rules, in Order to Show the Alleged Violations of Law At Later Dates.

New York, Oct. 20.—Judge Hunt overruled today a motion of counsel for the defendants in the New Haven Road hearing, setting up the statute of limitations as an objection to the introduction of the government's evidence prior to 1912. They held that counsel committed subsequent to that year must first be proved.

New York, Oct. 20.—The United States government began today the presentation of its evidence against William Rockefeller, Louis Cass Ledyard, Edward D. Robbins and eight others charged, while directors of the New Haven railroad, with conspiracy to monopolize the railroads and trolley lines of New England.

The government planned to call Charles S. Mellen, formerly president of the New Haven, today. Mr. Mellen is regarded as one of the government's important witnesses and the prosecutors expect to build up around his evidence the whole story of the alleged manipulation of the New Haven's finances and the purchase or combination of many railroad and streetcar lines.

According to the present plans of the special assistant attorneys general who are conducting the case for the government, Mr. Mellen will take the witness stand twice. On the first occasion he will be questioned about the affairs of the road during his first period of employment prior to going west. His story of what transpired after he became president in 1903 will be told later unless Judge Hunt rules that Mr. Mellen must tell his whole story at one time.

It was expected that before placing Mr. Mellen on the stand the government would introduce a mass of documentary evidence. Warren Chase of Hartford, one of the witnesses subpoenaed by the government to tell about the transactions involving the New Haven's ownership, promises to be in court today. He was called in court yesterday but did not appear.

Mr. Mellen arrived in the Federal building here an hour before court opened and went into conference with Mr. Bates and Frank L. Swacker, the federal attorneys. When he entered the courtroom there was a broad smile on his face. He was greeted by Robert W. Taylor, one of the men on trial. Others of the directors against whom he is to testify rose to shake his hand.

The defendants' counsel also welcomed the government's star witness and, until the appearance of Judge Hunt, the former president of the New Haven, was the center of a laughing, joking group.

Mr. Clark was then called and the government began the introduction of documentary evidence, which included minutes of the New Haven board of directors' meetings.

The evidence had to do with the early history of the New Haven and, as the first document was given to the witness to identify, Thomas Thacher, of counsel for the defense, rose to object. He set up against its admission the appearance of Judge Hunt, the former president of the New Haven, was the center of a laughing, joking group.

"This evidence is admissible," said the attorney, "only on the theory that it is intended to show the character of the acts of the three year period. This case will fall utterly unless the government can show proof of conspiracy during the three year period. We have no suggestion that the government began the introduction of anything unfair or illegal within this period, or that this did not end in 1905. Not knowing what the three year acts are, the jury cannot listen intelligently to prior acts."

John G. Milburn, also of counsel for the defense, followed with a similar argument in which he quoted authorities. "In the name of goodness," he exclaimed, "shouldn't we first have the things upon which the light is to be thrown before we get the things that throw the light? The government must show that a conspiracy existed during this three year period. The whole case turns on that."

Mr. Milburn said he felt "tensely on this," as his client, Charles L. Pratt, did not come into the New Haven until 1905.

"This conspiracy must have had its birth," remarked Judge Hunt.

"Yes," said counsel, "but we must first prove that the child existed during this three year period."

"I should say that the existence of a parent should be shown before the birth of the offspring," replied the court.

Judge Hunt then overruled the objection, instructing counsel for the government that they should proceed to establish the prima facie evidence of a conspiracy.

Dr. John Henry McCracken was inaugurated president of Lafayette College at Easton, Pa.

The British Government will not intern Bulgarians at present, in spite of the fact that Bulgaria and England are at war.

TWO INJURED IN U.M.C. PRIMER KUT EXPLOSION

Marian Jowett Goes to Hospital With Shattered Arm, Lacerated Face and Body Sight of Both Eyes May Be Lost As Result of Powder Accident.

Watchman Entering Segregated House Receives Injuries From Concussion Caused By Blow-Up—Worker Alone in Building When Caps Go Off.

As a result of an explosion this morning in a priming room at the plant of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., Marian Jowett of 845 Kosuth street, is in a critical condition at the Bridgeport hospital.

Jowett's right arm is fractured in two places, he has many wounds in his abdomen, his head is lacerated and it is not yet known if his sight can be saved. While his condition is extremely dangerous, he has an excellent chance to recover.

Robert Kinder, a watchman who beards on Central avenue, was thrown by the force of the explosion against the glass of an electric lamp. His face is lacerated but he is only slightly injured and is back at work.

Jewett was alone in a priming house, as is usual, at 9:40 o'clock this morning when he was handling primers. For one of those reasons that baffles makers of powder and cartridges, the primers exploded and Jewett was thrown many feet, Kinder was walking in the runway leading to the door and the concussion threw him against a lamp.

Either from the force of the explosion or the fall, Jewett's right arm was shattered. He received much of the powder in his face and his sight was lost, whether temporarily or not is not known. He lay dazed on the floor of the house until help came.

The accident caused a flurry for a time, but because of the fact that the priming houses are segregated, it was known that few could be injured. Jewett was carried to the company's emergency hospital and was treated by Dr. George Cowell. Later he was removed to the Bridgeport hospital where he is in a critical condition today.

Efforts are being made to save the sight of Jewett's eyes, but the issue is doubtful. His other injuries may be survived if the shock was not so great as to injure him internally. It is thought.

The other victim was not injured much. He is being treated this afternoon by Dr. Cowell.

The explosion is one that cannot be guarded against as science has been unable to determine any method by which to avoid them. What causes them is not known. The company has done the next thing, while investigating the causes at the same time, and the houses in which this class of work is done are segregated from the others so that no more than one may be injured and the property loss will be slight.

EXPECTANT BRIDE JILTED, SHE SAYS FOR ANOTHER GIRL

South End Merchant is Sued—Denies He Promised to Marry Friend.

Claiming that Victor Miller, a South Main street merchant, jilted her for another girl after promising marriage on Easter Sunday last year, Celia Gilbert of this city appeared before Judge Scott in the common pleas court this morning to testify in her suit against Miller. She declared she expected to become Mrs. Miller until she learned Victor had left the city to make another girl his wife. Celia said Victor was responsible for her condition.

Miller denied the girl's charge. He said the girl boarded at his mother's home but he was never friendly with her. He declared she asked him to marry her several times but he told her his reason for failing to "turn it in" was that he feared he would have to go out on a "tripper" Saturday night if he returned to the barn. When he failed to report for work Sunday morning, she said, she became suspicious and had a warrant issued for his arrest. They did not wish to prosecute when the explanation was made.

ACCUSED CONDUCTOR HAS GOOD EXCUSE IN COURT, CASE NOLLED

A nolle was entered by Judge Wilder in city court today in the case of William Redding, a local trolley conductor residing at the Kaiserhof hotel, charged with the trolley company on the charge of embezzling \$11.05, the property of the Connecticut Co.

Redding said it constituted the fares collected by him Saturday. He gave his reason for failing to "turn it in" as that he feared he would have to go out on a "tripper" Saturday night if he returned to the barn. When he failed to report for work Sunday morning, she said, she became suspicious and had a warrant issued for his arrest. They did not wish to prosecute when the explanation was made.

FORFEITS BOND Cephas J. Cook of 859 Hancock avenue arrested on the charge of violating the traffic ordinance in front of St. Charles' school on East Main street yesterday noon, failed to appear when his name was called in city court this morning and a bond of \$25 was declared forfeited.

No U.S. Arms For Mexico, Says Wilson

Washington, Oct. 20.—President Wilson declared today an embargo on the shipment of arms and ammunition to Mexico.

President Wilson signed a supplementary order, however, which excepts Gen. Carranza's government from the embargo and permits munitions to go through to him unhampered. The prohibition applies to the factions opposed to the government which the United States has recognized.

HARBOR PIRATES BANDED TO LOOT LOCAL VESSELS

That is Belief of Harbormaster Lamond—Many Thefts Reported.

The depredations of harbor pirates, which were so numerous a few years ago as to cause an organized effort to rid the city of them, have broken out anew, according to Harbormaster William A. Lamond.

Mr. Lamond declared today that he thinks he has evidence that leads to the belief that thefts of boats and boat equipment have been going on for many weeks and that the police will find proofs in a day or so.

During the last two weeks the boats of Mrs. Isaac B. Williams, M. J. Jordan, of 1188 Main street and William Orters of Stratford, have been visited. For theft of the latter's boat, George Crouch of 234 Rodney street, Brooklyn, was found probable cause by Albert Cunningham on Cannon street, was bound over this morning to the superior court under bonds of \$500.

The Williams power boat was stripped of all the fittings and furnishings that were portable. The skiff on the rear was taken, but was found later, moored near the Locomobile Co. plant.

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Although the prisoners, Crouch, is not definitely blamed, Harbormaster Lamond said this morning that it is the suspicion that boats are taken from here and at some port between here and New York.

Crouch's trunks are at the railroad station waiting to be shipped and the police were expected to search them today.

BRODERICK SLATED FOR \$1,400 FIRE DEPARTMENT JOB

At a special meeting of the board of fire commissioners to be held tomorrow, it is expected that Lieut. Thomas Broderick of No. 1 Truck Co. at the No. 3 Engine house, will be appointed to the position of inspector of combustibles and inflammables.

This position will be created in order to relieve the fire marshal of the duties of inspecting the cellars and other places where these materials are stored. The salary of the lieutenant will be increased from \$1,300 to \$1,400.

The meeting was to have been held this evening but it was postponed until this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Nobody will be appointed to fill the position left vacant by Lieut. Broderick, it is said.

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT HAS COMMUNICATION ON KING FERDINAND

London, Oct. 20.—A despatch from the Petrograd correspondent of Reuters' Telegram company says:

"The Official Messenger will tomorrow publish a long communication from the Russian government concerning the role played by King Ferdinand, who remained a German Prince although reigning in Bulgaria. The communication terminates thus: 'During almost 30 years the Prince of Coburg has stood between Russia and Bulgaria. Throughout this period Russia never ceased to hope that its brother people would at last open their eyes. Even now when Bulgaria sacrifices itself to German perfidy Russia still has not abandoned the hope that the Bulgarians, faithful to their historic traditions, will not lift their hands against the sons of the Russian warriors who died for Bulgaria.'"

LAKE CO. BUYS MUCH PROPERTY FOR EXTENSION

Development of Submarine Plant Involves Large Purchases in East End.

WORK GOES ON FOR 24 HOURS EACH DAY

Big Order From Oriental Power is Reported To Be On the Way.

Large purchases of land announced today by the Lake Torpedo Boat Company of this city, including 17 tenements in the vicinity of Seaview, Adams and other streets, and extending as far back as Newfield avenue, indicate that one of the largest shipyards in the country is to be built in Bridgeport, capable of building and launching the largest destroyers.

The property purchased, from which tenants have already been notified to vacate includes all those owned in the section bounded by Seaview avenue, Adams street and Newfield avenue to DeForest avenue and Jefferson street by Catherine Suggett, Charles E. Brown, Lucy G. Brown, Peter A. Resell, Matilde Resell, Ida McMahon, John C. Chamberlain, trustee, John J. McFarland and E. E. Keefe.

Fred Brown Whitney, general counsel for the company, negotiated the purchase, which included with the large area now being reclaimed by dredging operations will give the company ample space to build a large shipyard. Whitney, however, thought it is believed that such will not be attempted at this time.

Rumors that cannot be confirmed at the company's office intimate that the contract for a large number of submarines may be awarded by a foreign power in the Orient.

The government channel is being dredged by the company itself for a length of over one thousand feet, which he has evidence that leads to the belief that thefts of boats and boat equipment have been going on for many weeks and that the police will find proofs in a day or so.

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BURGLARS FAIL AT RESIDENCE OF AUGUSTUS H. MAY

New Haven Road Treasurer's Home Attacked By Unsuccessful Cracksmen

A burglar scare caused consternation at the home of Augustus S. May, treasurer of the New Haven road, at 338 Clinton avenue, about 2 o'clock this morning when the maid at the house, who had been posted to the screen door on the rear porch, a telephone call was immediately sent to police headquarters and the red light signal system was soon in working order. Several policemen at the headquarters beat rushed to headquarters and they were despatched to the May home in the auto patrol.

Upon their arrival they discovered where an attempt had been made to force open the screen door and it is believed that the burglars were frightened away when the maid flashed an electric light which brilliantly lighted the large lawn surrounding the May home.

JITNEY HITS WAGON; WOMAN IS INJURED

Mrs. Moses Barken of 74 Cleveland avenue received a concussion on her right side and suffered a severe shock at 10:30 this morning when a jitney car driven by Oscar Osterberg of 28 Buckingham avenue, collided with a wagon driven by Moses Barken at Golden Hill and Main streets. She was removed to her home in the Emergency ambulance and the family physician called to attend her.

Osterberg was taken to police headquarters by Traffic Officer Robert Tate but he was not held.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; somewhat cooler Thursday; moderate southwest winds.

TWO OVERCOME TRYING TO SAVE GEMS FROM FIRE

Hotel Bartender Trapped in Flames, Jumps From Second Story Window.

HOTEL AND COTTAGE ON SHORE DESTROYED

Volunteer Fire Companies Powerless at Beach With Low Water Pressure.

Fire that is believed to have originated from carelessness upon the part of trespassers last night in Carey's dancing pavilion, Walnut Beach, caused \$30,000 damage largely covered by insurance.

Besides the dancing pavilion, the Sound View hotel was burned to the ground and a small cottage connected with Fitzgibbon's hotel, was gutted. Other cottages and cottages in the immediate vicinity were ablaze at various times during the height of the fire but the flames were extinguished by the owners and hastily formed bucket brigades.

Narrow escapes from death were recorded. John Leiche, the Sound View proprietor, and his wife, who were sleeping soundly, were awakened in time to leave the building in their nightclothes. A bartender was compelled to jump from a second story window, and two Devon freemen, Alexander Blakesley and Harry Newcomb, who ventured into the building to save some jewelry belonging to Mrs. Leiche, were overcome and dragged from the building by their comrades. Both received treatment from Dr. J. W. Ives. Blakesley's condition is said to be serious today.

The fire could have been controlled from the start had not the water pressure furnished from New Haven been so low as to preclude a stream carrying above the second floor. It was called to the scene from Walnut Beach, Silver Beach and Fort Trumbull Beach. Residents of Walnut Beach spent the night and early morning hours without sleep for sparks were rising to a great height and a change in the wind threatened complete destruction of the summer resort. The ruins smoldered, and to a late hour the Carey's dancing pavilion, called to the scene from Walnut Beach, Silver Beach and Fort Trumbull Beach. Residents of Walnut Beach spent the night and early morning hours without sleep for sparks were rising to a great height and a change in the wind threatened complete destruction of the summer resort.

The Sound View hotel, which is the largest structure burned, is separated from Carey's dancing pavilion by a three foot passage way. It was built 19 years ago at a cost of \$20,000 by Charles A. Doherty, of Milford. It had a three story structure, frame, with a frontage of 90 feet, was 20 feet wide and 26 feet deep. There were 26 rooms in all. Mr. Doherty operated the hotel for 14 years, turning it over to Mr. Leiche. It has been a most successful hotel. The Carey Dancip's pavilion was built several years ago at a cost of \$1,800. Insurance amounting to \$8,000 was carried on the hotel and \$1,000 on the dance hall. It is understood that the Fitzgibbon loss amounting to about \$1,000 was but slightly insured.

The fire was not discovered until nearly midnight when John O'Brien, of 1188 Main street, called to the beach passed the dance hall. The inside of the structure near the hotel kitchen was then ablaze. Flames were seen through the cracks of the building. Alarms of fire were sent to adjoining towns and a hue and cry was raised in the beach, which was responded to by every available male resident.

The Devon department was among the first companies to respond and with Trumbull beach and Silver beach departments stretched hose from all hydrants in the vicinity. It was found that the water pressure was very weak and a stream could not be sent into the second story windows of the hotel, which was then aflame. Calls to the New Haven Water Co. did not result in relief.

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SERBIA IN DEADLY PERIL IN FACE OF ADVANCE OF ENEMY

Paris Shop Explodes; 100 May Be Dead

Paris, Oct. 20.—One hundred persons were killed or injured in an explosion in a factory in the Rue De Tobiac this afternoon according to a report received at the prefecture of police.

Russia To Encourage Trade With America

London, Oct. 20.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times sends the following: "A conference has been held between Pierre L. Bark, Russian minister of finance, and representatives of the principal Petrograd and Moscow banks to consider credit operations and the position of the Russian Exchange. They decided against any lottery, in favor of a short term loan, the details of which will be settled by the finance committee today."

Zeppelins Are Being Used to Aid Commerce

Amsterdam, Oct. 20.—Zeppelins are used by the Germans for the defense of commerce against attacks by British and Russian submarines, according to a dispatch from Berlin. It is said that the steamer Scotia, of Stettin, Prussia, bound from Sweden for Sittin, with a cargo of ore, was pursued by a Russian submarine off in reply to a wireless call for help. A Zeppelin suddenly appeared, whereupon the submarine submerged and disappeared.

Bulgars Take 2,000 Men and 12 Cannon in Serbian Advance

Berlin, Oct. 20.—Capture by the Bulgarians of 2,000 prisoners and 12 cannon in Serbia was announced today by the German war office. The report also stated that Bulgarian troops have captured Sultan Tepe.

Austrian troops have made a further advance on Shabat, on the Save, west of Belgrade. The Serbians have been thrown back south of Lucica and Bozovac.

Greek Diplomats Detained at Nish

Athens, Greece, Oct. 20.—The diplomatic corps at the Serbian court has been compelled to remain in Nish, for the present at least. The expected departure of the diplomats for Monastir has been postponed because of the interruption of railroad communication between Nish and Saloniki, while between Saloniki and Monastir traffic is suspended on account of flooding.

There has been no telegraphic communication with Nish for four days.

HOAGLAND INVENTS NEW CARTRIDGE TO BE USED IN BATTLE

Capable of Sending Bullet Farther Than Any Now in Use, Claim Is.

Frank O. Hoagland, residing at 856 Fairfield avenue and until recently works manager of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., has invented what is believed by experts to be a wonderful cartridge, capable of projecting a bullet from present types of guns nearly double the distance now gained.

The device is outlined in the current issue of the Patent Office Gazette and assigned to the U. M. C. Co. is comparatively simple in construction, being an ordinary cartridge with a reinforcing outer shell, an inner shell carrying a moulded web concentrically indented and an outer chamber into which powder is compressed by a packing flange.

The idea is to have two separate powder chambers, one at the base reinforced so that the powder may be first ignited and gain sufficient explosive force before forcing its spark into the second chamber of lower resistance. The full combustion force of the powder is thus gained with two separate explosions.

The bullet of the army type is claimed by experts to probably carry three or five thousand yards at killing velocity.

The tailoring shop of Jacob Raport at 1957 Main street was entered late evening by burglars who made off with clothing to the value of \$190.

Eight Bulgarian Forces Have Invaded Serbian Territory and Austro-Germanic Sweep Continues.

Bulgarian Command of Railroad Between Nish and Saloniki is Assured By Superior Number of Troops.

London, Oct. 20.—Last reports from the near east indicate that Serbia is in deadly danger of being overwhelmed by the armies of her neighbor. No less than eight Bulgarian forces have crossed into Serbian territory.

The Austro-German forces are advancing slowly but steadily, their latest claim being that a junction has been effected to the west of Semendria. The railroad between Nish and Salonika has been cut by the Bulgarians, sweeping over the frontier in superior numbers. No news has been received of the movements of the Anglo-French army, although it is known to have been in action, as the arrival of French wounded in Saloniki has been reported.

Italy's declaration of war against Bulgaria increases the hopes of her allies that she will join in the Balkan campaign, but what form her assistance will take has not been indicated definitely. Russia, the first to ally powers to present an ultimatum to Bulgaria, now finds herself alone in not having issued a formal declaration of war against her former protegee.

Along the eastern front activity is confined to the two tips of the long battle line. The Germans are pressing their offensive in the northern area, near Riga, while Gen. Ivanoff is making progress with his Russian army in Galicia.

Reports from the Allies on the western front indicate that the Germans have been reinforced heavily and are showing a disposition to assume the offensive. Field Marshal French announced the complete repulse north of Loos of Germans who made an attack after heavy artillery preparation. Paris reports that east of Rheims the Germans made a fierce attack on a large scale, occupying several French trenches.

The sickness of Premier Aquilino has brought a lull in political activity, and the crisis which many persons expected would develop in the cabinet this week is hardly likely to occur until the premier is able to appear in the House of Commons. At that time Sir Edward Carson may give a public explanation of his resignation of the attorney generalship.

British submarines, now reported to have been reinforced by Russian craft, continue to inflict severe losses on German shipping in the Baltic sea. A Copenhagen newspaper asserts that eight submarines have been prey of the submarines since Monday.

Carson Out Because of Near-East Views

London, Oct. 20.—Sir Edward Carson announced in the House of Commons today that his resignation from the attorney generalship was due to divergence of views in regard to near-eastern affairs.

Russia Prepares For Half Billion Loan

Petrograd, Oct. 20.—The Russian government is preparing for the early issue of an internal loan of 1,000,000,000 rubles (\$500,000,000). The interest rate will be 5 1/2 per cent. The loan will run for a short term.

U. S. Neutrality Is Proclaimed Anew

Washington, Oct. 20.—President Wilson signed today a proclamation giving notice of the neutrality of the United States in the war between Serbia and Bulgaria. The proclamation was along the same general lines as those already issued covering the wars between other nations.

Mines Line Coasts of Aegean and Black Seas

Washington, Oct. 20.—The Bulgarian coast on the Aegean and Black seas has been mined according to a dispatch today from American Minister Vopicka in Bucharest.

AUSTRO-GERMANS EFFECT JUNCTION

Budapest, Oct. 20.—According to a special dispatch to the East the German and Austro-Hungarian troops operating along the Danube river against the Serbians have effected a junction west of Semendria.